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PUC TO HOLD PUBLIC HEARINGS ON CALIFORNIA WATER SERVICE'S REQUEST TO INCREASE RATES

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 29, 2004 – The California Public Utilities Commission (PUC) will hold Public Participation Hearings (PPHs) regarding California Water Service Company's (CWS) request for general rate increases for fiscal years 2005-2006, 2006-2007, and 2007-2008 for five CWS districts, as well as recovery of amounts in balancing and memorandum accounts, and PUC findings regarding state and federal water quality standards in eight districts.

The PPH schedule is as follows:

- Salinas District: Jan. 5, 2005, 4:30 pm
 The Salinas Sports Complex, Rodeo Room 1034
 North Main St., Salinas
- Los Altos and Mid-Peninsula Districts: Jan. 6, 2005, 4:30 pm Woodside Elementary School, Library 3195 Woodside Rd., Woodside
- Stockton District: Jan. 12, 2005, 4:30 pm
 Stockton Public Library, Stewart-Hazelton Room
 605 N. El Dorado St., Stockton
- Chico District: Jan. 20, 2005, 4:30 pm
 Chico Area Recreation and Parks District, The Arts & Crafts Room 545 Vallombrosa Ave., Chico

These PPHs are scheduled to provide the public an opportunity to comment on the request of CWS. Comments from the public can help the Commission reach an informed decision and members of the public are encouraged to attend the scheduled hearings. Customers are also invited to send written comments on the request of CWS to the PUC's Public Advisor:

Public Advisor California Public Utilities Commission 505 Van Ness Avenue, Room 2103 San Francisco, CA 94102

Comments may also be emailed to Public.advisor@cpuc.ca.gov and the toll free number to call the Public Advisor's Office is 1-866-849-8390.

If special arrangements are needed, such as sign and foreign language interpreters, please contact the PUC Public Advisor's Office at (415) 703-2074 or toll free 1-866-849-8390 or TTY (415) 703-5282 or 1-866-836-7825, or by e-mail at public.advisor@cpuc.ca.gov at least three days in advance of the event.

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